## ets Have Increased Cost of Living 15 Per Cent.

Rise in Prices of Necessaries Controlled

Retailers, when forced to pay more

Since the organization of the Amai-

gamated Copper company in April last with a capital of \$75,000,000, and the pos-sibility of an ultimate increase of \$100,-000,000, the price of copper has been raised

Copper today is so costly through the operations of the trust that various concerns have found it profitable to buy and

import Chinese copper coins and use them for manufacturing purposes. They can ob-tain the raw material in this way cheaper

than by dealing with the trust. This ex-plains why the housewife when purchasing copper kitchen utensils has to pay 70 and

so per cent more than she did six months

The trust practically owns the whole of

This last advance was due, it was de-

50 cents more a ton than they did last

CONFEDERATE PENSIONS.

Strong Commendation of Con-

gressman's Burke's Utterances.

have them; but when I see, as I have seen, and when I know, as I know today, that men are drawing from \$50, \$60 and

70, also a salary as congressman, as

United States senator, as prominent offi-cials of the gevernment; when I know this

be a fact, I look with closeness and ith scruting, for I know some of the

Confederates are attempting to draw a pension from the State government which places them in the same line with the

These, it seems from the report of the committee, are the words and the senti-

spoken to a Confederate reunion of veteran soldiers of the Confederate army, which

are attempted to be criticised and anathe-matized by the committee of a Confederate

Now, in that report the committee calls to the attention of Judge Burke, and the

Confederate Veterans' association that he violates one of the tenets of the association, which declares and enjoins on him

"to extend courtesies on every fitting oc-casion, to our late adversaries in arms," and the report says: "If our comrade's zeal

to score a point against his present adversaries would not allow him to do so,

he should remember that all over the

State these helpless and dependent ones are extending courtesies to Federal soldiers who voted solidly for the amendment."

camp of veterans at Fort Worth.

an ex-Confederate comrade,

Northern pensioner."

To the Editor of The Post.

of the necessaries of life are an average, 15 per cent higher rere a year ago. The wage supported his family on \$1000 but year must now pay \$1150 for se same necessaries and com-

o plentiful. The supply of raw at all kinds was never larger. at of manufactured products is that in any previous years. crease. unatural manipulation these would cause a decrease in price

a morease.

ries are going up and the 15 per tress which the heads of families as for necessaries goes directly to intends for largely over-capital-missions. It is claimed that since rates there has been a general in-it pay of the wage-earner of 10 Thus the worker earns 10 per trust but pays 15 more to live.

in butchers are making ready to to the price of meat two or three sirance probably will come here

ing August 22. subm of the Retail Butchers' asso-

same the formation of an ice trust emellas to do with the action of the tes, for they expect to have to pay to les, but the main squeeze comes

Wagner, president of the Retail tels today for two cents a pound less troud than in this city. The beef may cattle cost more and that beef

giampt is also being made to form a trust, and if this is accomplished all to higher yet.

Week 21 last the National Salt comss iscorporated under the benefiker of New Jersey.

he supersy controls 30 per super suit plants in this State and Michi-

set the formation of the Communication of the salt per barrel of 320 pounds is cut. A few days after the ormalise of the trust an increase in the formation of the trust the a us made of 33 per cent. Since a use have been several additional the and today the price of a barrel ble alt is \$1.50. has to whom the increase means

wife are the farmers, who purchase who of the coarser grades of salt but cattle; also the meat packers. aller are not much worried, as they rust. The farmers and housewives

has the formation of the National carbut there has been a gradual inis prices until now the purchaser m per cent more than he did for-

"During the time that has elapsed since the carpet mills in the civil war, you have soldom seen an ex-Confederate soldier a pensioner upon this neighbors. They have succeeded in making a living, and, as a Confederate to decrease rather than increase values and the trust has the business that the whole country fairly within the pension, offered by Texas, is wrong. There are men in my within its means and get full value for the civil war, you have soldom seen an extry for taxation at its supposed value or very close to it is unwise and is liable to decrease rather than increase values and thus "kill the goose."

The city, like an individual, should live the whole country fairly within the goose." per cent of the carpet mills in icularly as it operates with the wool trust and kindred

his been an increase in price of stirials used by carpet makers, due but this Increase is fraction of that charged by the

ore, recent improvements in definity used in carpet manager of the price ry used in carpet making more als, but the purchaser neveras pays 20 per cent more the 1 he did same class of goods.

trenge head of a family bas paid, little attention to the formation and industrial combinations as the wire nail trust, the chemical trust aber trust and the iron and steel thinking that they do not affect

be pays indirectly a share of the inprice which each of these combi-

stance, the large dry goods or destores at which his wife buys ards of cloth is forced to charge infle more because of the operathe trusts above named. It wide and disconnected stretch the yards of cloth purchased and steel nail, wire, lumber and rusts, but nevertheless they all send up the price.

first place, the chemical trust sed the prices of the dyestuffs a coloring the cloth. trust has added its mite price of pine boards out of which

be sail trust has added something the fastened together. The nall tates this increase partly for its and partly to cover the increase of by the steel trust for the raw ma-

the than they formerly did, becharged by the iron trust.

and the same toward raising prices. In a constant of the same that in existence in the consumer helps to swell the profits by any sensible Confederate veteran. In the consumer helps to swell the profits by any sensible Confederate veteran. In the consumer helps to swell the profits by any sensible Confederate veteran. In the confederate veteran in the confederate vetera

mat-cloth market is three-quarters in higher per yard this year than itematy all the mills of the New states are controlled by a trust.

Confederate? And believing it would, he and I and thousands of others, who think more of the honor of our countrymen and their glorious record for virtue, patriotism and valor than of the paltry dollar or temporary relief to the unfortunate remnant of them; oppose the pension law passed by the late legislature.

That our views are correct, see the respect surpass all the predecessors. It is That our views are correct, see the results. Over 5000 applications have been alfeady filed for pensions who must not only have seen in

by Monopolies Adds to Burdens of Family Support—No Real Cause for Advance.

ready filed for pensions who must not only have sworn they are paupers, but that they are physically unable to earn a bare support, and they must also have sworn they were ex-Confederate soldiers and the widows of such soldiers, who were married prior to March, 1896, and have never married since.

Chicago exposition, but when we remember that Chicago had almost unlimited space to draw upon, while Paris is confined within walled limits, the wonder is that the management of this new entermarried since.

or bend or play the sycophant for the purpose of courting the favor "of our late adversaries" or because a few of them, having drifted down to Texas to improve their financial standing, voted for the constitutional amendment, permitting the legislature of Texas to pass a law to put worthy Confederate soldiers on the pauper list and to allow the unworthy to put

Retailers, when forced to pay more to the manufacturer or producer, invariably make additional provision for themselves when fixing a new scale of prices. The result is that for various articles of hardware the purchaser is paying anywhere from 15 to 100 per cent more than twelve months ago. themselves there.
In my opinion Judge Burke echoed the For stoves and kitchen utensits generally the increase varies between 35 and 50 per cent, but for different tools controlled by individual trusts the increase is much higher. The average increase to the consumer is in the neighborhood of 40 per cent. true sentiments of a great majority of Confederate veterans, and the attempted criticism bring no honor to R. E. Lee camp at Fort Worth. The camp should

present law permits the county commis-sioners courts to allow its paupers end to call them Confederate pensioners," Respectfully, etc., . Geo. McCormick, Commander Shropshire-Ppton Camp No.

112, United Confederate Veterans, and first sergeant company D. cavalry battalion. Waul's Texas Legion, McCulloch's brigade, Chalmers' division, Army of Forest's cavalry, Confederate States.
P. S.—As Judge Burke says: "So long P. S.—As Judge Burke says: "So long as God gives the Confederate soldier ability to make a living, he should stay away from the pension rolls." M.

Proposes a Wheel Tax. To the Editor of The Post

ago.

The Coal trust is one of the few monopolies whose owners have failed to declare that such combinations were for the pub-Houston, Texas, August 11.-That every city must have paved streets and must the anthracite coal region and fixes the price at whatever it sees fit. A month ago it ordered an increase of 25 cents a ton and Saturday at Pittsburg an additional advance was announced of 5 cents a ton on nut and lump coal and of from 5 to 15 to 25 t the case is it not fair and reasonable that This last advance was due, it was de-clared, to the rapid rise in the iron and steel markets within the last few weeks. create the dirt and fifth should contribute Using this as a reason for further admoving it? We think every owner of a vehicle of any kind should pay a wheel winter will have to pay to the coal barons tax to the city and thus create a fund to help pay the cost of street cleaning. A wheel tax to raise money for such a pur pose is more just and reasonable than is reasons. "He who dances should not object to helping to pay the cost of the music." Some of our atting to the the tax levied on occupations, for obvious Columbus, Texas, August 17.—In your wheel tax and others are considering it as a wise measure. It is a subject worthy Fort Worth publishes the report of the the consideration of our div fathers.

committee of R. E. Lee camp, United ConMunicipal taxation is a serious problem

committee of R. E. Lee camp, United Confederate Veterans, and you head the article, "Congressman Burke Scored." It Every effort should be made to distribute seems that Judge Burke at the Confederate the burden equally among all the people reunion in Waxahachle on the 3d instant, and to keep down the tax rate. As we in speaking of the present "pauper penshare of the load—in fact, nearly all of sion" law, made use of the following re-it—and at the high appraisement fixed this year the danger line is being ap-"During the time that has elapsed since proached. The policy of assessing prop-

own county (Dallas) who are not entitled every dollar it spends. Keep up with the to a pension. I believe that time will times. Extend the city limits and grat-remedy all these things; so long as God unlly grow and increase in taxable wealth gives a Confederate soldier ability to make by keeping down the tax rate and en-a living, he should stay away from the couraging investments of capital within

pension rolls. I have seen enough, as the city, your representative in congress, to disgust me with pension rolls. I balleve we have Union soldiers who are entitled to pensions under the law, and they ought to lending his aid and influence in bringing about a wise, economical city government, based solely on business principles divorced entirely from

> Marketing Fruit and Produce. the Editor of The Post.

Katy, Texas, August 10 .- I see that the farmers of the coast country met at College Station to discuss methods and means of growing fruits, vegetables, etc., which 1 think was very beneficial. But a matter of more importance, in my estimation, would have been the solving of the problem of how norally speaking, the growers of fruits,

State these helpless and dependent ones, where trust has added its mite mite of pine boards out of which fat case in which the cloth is the same of th

spects surpass all its predecessors. It is

print-cloth industry, however, in connection with the trust most immediately concorned, have caused the prices to go up.

Nearly every article handled by a hardware store is the product of a trust and the stock of a large establishment represents or combinations.

A majority of these trusts are dependent for their raw material upon the iron. Steel for their raw material upon the iron, steel handled in the stock of a large establishment represents perhaps twenty different industrial cause for which he piedged, in the dark days of war and disaster, "his life, his fortune and his sacred honor," and did most gallantily keep his sacred pledge, and he is the good citizen now, as patriotic as then, but never ready or willing to bow the minds of inventive dreamers, are now as then, but never ready or willing to bow the minds of inventive dreamers, are now as then, but never ready or willing to bow the minds of inventive dreamers, are now as then, but never ready or willing to bow the minds of inventive dreamers, are now as then, but never ready or willing to bow the minds of inventive dreamers, are now as then, but never ready or willing to bow the minds of inventive dreamers, are now as then, but never ready or willing to bow the minds of inventive dreamers, are now as then, but never ready or willing to bow the minds of inventive dreamers, are now as then, but never ready or willing to bow the minds of inventive dreamers, are now as the product of a trust and the store to the memory of the country and her glorious cause for which he piedged, in the dark days of war and disaster, "his life, his fortune and his sacred honor," and did move the dark days of war and disaster, while the production as the Philadelphia centennial was of its own day the world is now several years older, and industrial perfection of its time as the Philadelphia centennial was of its own day the world is now as the Philadelphia centennial was of its own day the world in the production of the production of the production of the production of the older, and achievements that were then the to attract more than passing attention have forced their way into prominence and have become of gigantic power in the world

mobile, the X-ray, the cinematograph, not to mention the countless scientific achievements, and all of these will tend to make the Paris exposition the greatest fair that the world has ever witnessed.

repudiate such attempt at once.

The act in question should have been entitled, "an act to enable cerain poor old men to get a very small additional allow-ance from the State to that which the accounty commission of the state to that which the accounty commission of the state to the county commission. To prepare for such a gigantic enterprise, able to announce that there is no reason to believe that the date of the opening will have to be postponed.

Heretofore the exposition ground has looked more like an architectural enigma than anything else, but at last the veil has commenced to lift and the visitor can begin to catch glimpses of possible results from the piles of masonry and the halfcompleted structures, mere frameworks of iron, steel and wood. Already the Grand Palais and the Petit

Palais are nearly completed and from the appearance of these and the indications of grace and beauty that already distinguish-other structures, it is a simple matter to decide that Paris will not disappoint the

The White City was larger, but in her six acres Paris will concentrate all the attractive features that can be conceived in the brains of the thousands of artists who are striving to make this event the greatest finale to the great century.

Although to the stranger it would look as if the work of building the exposition was scarcely well underway, the man who is familiar with this section of the city can hardly believe that so much has been for already this stretch of the Seine is almost unrecognizable. What it will be when the work is finished only the artist can imagine. It will be Venice, with its gondolas. Amsterdam with its quaint houses, Egypt, Asia, the frozen North and

ant events, such as receptions to foreign the Americans call "dagoes" of all types.

de l'Industrie, it having been provided with a large central porch and a domelike glass roof. For their chief beauty, however, both buildings will depend largely upon their artistic decorations, but to escribe these is how an impossibility.
The Petit Palais is less massive in its

appearance, but it is doubtful if there will be any structure on the grounds that will prove more attractive. Aiready Its is in place-in fact, it is nearer completion than any other building, and its central dome, on which a gay female fig-ure in bronze is to be placed, looms up strangely out of place in this mass of un to successfully market what we now raise, villons at the four corners of the build-

Generally speaking, the growers of fruits, melons, potatoes, etc., are languishing from the effects of: First, lack of organization; second, proper methods of sorting and packing their goods; third, putting some hardheaded business man to find a way to profitably market their goods. I shall briefly nuttice these few points.

First, the farmers should combine, so they may place car lots of a certain grade of produce on the market. Unassorted lots of anything sell at a discount; honest sorting and packing always brings a premium. Hale, the great neach king, was very particular as to these matters—so much so that his brand on a hox of peaches was worth from 50 cents to field the profit of the nineteenth century, it is intended that the electrical building shall be the architectural chef d'oeuvre of the exposition, and this fountain is to be the packed. be the architectural chef d'oeuvre of the exposition, and this fountain is to be the cked.

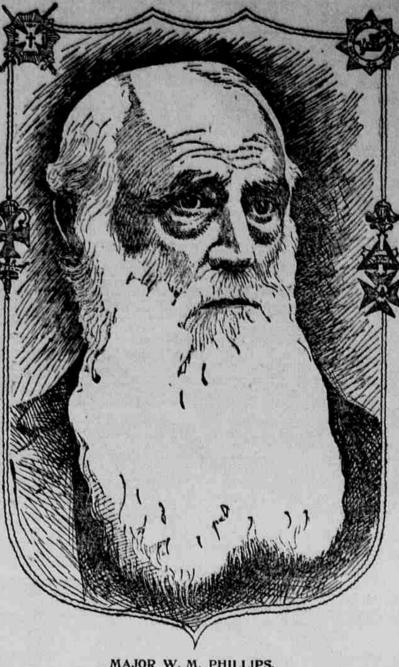
The same difficulty confronted Mr. Hale in sposing of his peaches that confronts the sposing of his peaches that confronts the visitors within its walls. It is built ensured that his peaches that his peaches the sposing of white marble and will consist of

and industrial, to which each country will contribute its best exhibits. In these portions of what is to be the exposition grounds the work has not progressed so rapidly as one might anticipate, but today thousands of workmen are busy, and such a confusion one can not find in any other part of the world.

To the Editor of The Post.

Hauger, Texas, August 14.—I noticed in The Post of the world.

ANOTHER "OLDEST TEXAS MASON."



MAJOR W. M. PHILLIPS.

Smiley, Texas, August 12.-Mayor W. M. Phillips, the subject of this sketch, was born in Caroline county, Virginia, in 1814. He emigrated to Sabine county, Texas, in 1839, and came to Gonzales county in 1842, where he has since resided. He served the republic of Texas as a ranger under Captain Hays and the Confederacy as a member of Walls' Legion.

He became a member of Gonzales lodge No. 30, F. A. M. early in the forties, and the chapter in 1849. He is an Odd Fellow of thirty-five years standing and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for twenty-seven years. His early life was spent as a farmer, but latterly as a merchant, in which avocation he is still engaged. He has been a resident of Smiley for sixteen years, and is highly esteemed by all his neighbors. He is well known in San Antonio, to which place he makes a trip every few months in the interest of his business

bouses, Egypt, Asia, the frozen North and the tropical lands where civilization has a scarcely left the imprint of its hand. All will be drawn together and concentrated here in a panorama so brilliant as to be almost overpowering.

I can give only a bird's-eye view, incomplete and incomprehensive, of the wonderful architectural schievements that have been conceived and that are now on the high road to completion.

First there is the Grand Palais with its wide portico supported by colonades of twin Ionic columns. In shape the building resembles the letter H, consisting as it does of two main buildings with a large connecting bridge between.

In this structure the opening exercises of the exposition will be held and during an events, such as receptions to foreign sovereigns and the eavarding of prizes, will see the speciful that lie beside the epot where they are to be erected are enough to aid one in picturing the perfect effect that will be attained when order shall at last have been conceived and incomprehensive, of the wonderful architectural schievements that have been conceived and that are now on the high road to completion.

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I have heard that tell ebended the event in the lacked thirteen days of being 35 when he died.

I have heard the until was 267 years old when or a fair will be a fair will be accompliant to Around the four sides of the building a wide gallery extends, upon which every exhibition room will when the four sides of the building a constitution of Old Paris will include the curious part of the town where those people Nice Things.

Exposition of 1900 a series of international congresses is to be held under the patronage of the French government. For their essions a special Palais des Congress is being erected; it will contain one great

Discussing matters generally with a being erected; it will contain one great hall for the public sessions and more fie-quent congresses. The foundations of this place are being laid on the quai de la Contact of the State for a few days and have kept my

quent congresses. The foundations of this place are being laid on the quai de la Conference.

The building will be erected two-thirds or land, and one-third on water. The design is now well advanced, special care being taken with the vast gallery, over 100 yards long, and twelve yards wide, on the Seine. The celling of this gallery will be in stained glass. All the chambers in which the congresses are held lead into the gallery. Members will thus be able to meet one another at all times; and in the evening distinguished visitors to Paris will be invited to witness from this immense hall the illuminations and fairy in the state of the strike, which I trust is but temporary, Pueblo looks better than any other city in the State. Colorado is receiving the state for a few days and have kept my eyes open to see how things are going, and you are certainly on the up grade. Colorado Springs is handling millions in mines, Manitou is running over with visitis but temporary, Pueblo looks better than any other city in the State. Colorado is receiving thousands of visitors from Texas and certainly there is no better place than the Rocky mountains in which to rest for a two strike, while I trust is but temporary, Pueblo looks better than any other city in the State. Colorado is receiving thousands of visitors from Texas and certainly the strike, while I trust is but temporary, Pueblo looks better than any other city in the State. Colorado springs is handling millions in mines, Manitou is running over with visit-or and the form and you are certainly on the up grade. Colorado Springs is handling millions in mines, Manitou is running over with visit-ors and but for the strike, while I trust is but temporary, Pueblo looks better than any other city in the State. Colorado is receiving thousands of visitors from Texas and certainly on the up grade. will be invited to witness from this immense half the illuminations and fairy night scenes on the river Seine.

"You will please note that the mississippi Commercial congress has been slated in Houston for April 17 to 21, 1900, just a few weeks before the grand rush provincians takes place and we ex-

taining from 150 to 250 places. As more than 110 different congresses, some of which are divided into several sections, have to be accommodated, in most cases for a week at a time, it is no light prob-

visitors within its walls. It is built entirely of white marble and will consist of a hundred distinct waterfalls.

Many of these cascades will fall from the windows of the buildings itself, so that when the fountain plays the entire front of the structure will be covered with waterfalls, while the electrical displays that will occur after dark will be one of the most beautiful features of the big show.

In the Champ de Mars, where the electrical building will be located, will also be situated the buildings of agriculture and food products, the buildings of agriculture and food products, the buildings of agriculture others. On the banks of the Seine from the Esplanade to the Champ de Mars will be grouped the national pavilloss, each different in style of architecture.

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Regularly, the general assisions will be found the factorion, and the morning. For the claims, the found months which have colorade

thousands of workmen are busy, and such a confusion one can not find in any other part of the world.

Every one is hurrying, for the time is short and there must be no delay in the opening. By the middle of March every building must be completed, for there is no end of work to be done after the builders have left the grounds.

The buildings that I have mentioned are but a few of the structures that are to be put up during the few months that remain. Some of them have not yet been commenced, but the huge piles of stone

Pueblo (Col.) Chieftain.

The twenty-three sections of the Congress of Medicine, with 7000 members, will have accommodations in the city of Paris. There are also smaller halls, congress of the State, getting acquainted with our people and telling them of the grand rush to the mountains takes place and we expect the biggest delegation Colorado ever sent to any State to come to Texas and make a trip of the State, getting acquainted with our people and telling them of the grand rush. scenery of this playground of the gods.

down in Houston we are neither selfish non team the two nations only about 50 per cent jealous and we want the Colorado delegation to enter the State at Fort Worth.

many colutons to the courary notwithstand.

Wills Point Chronicle.

The postmaster put back a couple of papers this week, one marked "gone to the devil" and the other "gone to Halifax." As both men were well in the arrears for their paper, Postmaster Pilley may have located them very wall.

Cleanliness Essential. Bonham News. According to The Houston Post, cleanliness and Yellow Jack can not shide in the same town. Other diseases, also, hold up their hands in the presence of cleanliHOUSTON POST LETTER BOX

(This department to intended to an questions that are of general interest main object is to supply out-of-the-way and curious information. Questions of schall interest only will not be answered. business or personal addresses will be given All correspondence should be addressed to The Letter Box, care Houston Peat. Owing to the large number of questions received, as

What are the superstitions concerning the diamond, opal, ruby and onyx? C.A.P.

The diamond is said to produce semanmbulism and spiritual ecstacy, and is the emblem hope, and is supposed to be fatal to love, and if given as an engagement ring will bring had luck. According to Burmese superstition, rubies in the original state are coloriess, and the red hue is the development of time, the gem ripening like a fruit. It changes first to yellow, then to green, then to blue and finally to red. There is a superstition that the ouys contains an imprisoned devil, which wakes at sunset and brings bad dreams to the searcr. It is the emblem of conjugal love, and in Obristian art is the symbol of sincerity. There is an ancient legend that Cupid out the nails of Venue with the sharp point of his arrows, and, as the parings sank to the bottom of the Indus river, they were transformed into onyxes.

1. What is the spollation bill, and what caused it? 2. Why did the French withdraw their army from Mexico, leaving Emperer Maximillian without support. C.V.W. 1. The spoliation act is a United States statite of 1885, providing for the ascertainment of the French spollation claims. These were the claims of citizens of the United States guinst France for Illegal captures, etc., prior to the treaty of 1800-01 between the United States and France. By this treaty these laims were assumed by the United States. The first appropriation for their payment was made in 1891. 2. Because of the dissatisfaction of the United States with European encroachments upon the American continent, and of the more determined attitude of this government after the close of the civil war. ar well as of public opinion in France and the increasing complications of Napoleon III at

What is the difference between Atavism and Chauvinism? The dictionaries I have do not explain satisfactorily. N.O.B.

There is no connection whatever between the two. Atavism (from Latin atavus, an ancester, a great-grandfather's grandfather) means "lutermittent heredity," a reversion through influences of heredity to ancestral characters, a return to an early or original type by its modified descendants. Chauvinam means, enthusiastic, unreflecting devotion to any cause, especially absurdly exaggerated patriotism or military enthusiasm. The word is said to be from the name of Nicolas Chauvin, a veteran of the first empire, enthusiastically devoted to the memory and idea of Napoleon, and ridiculed by his comrades for his exaggerated exhibitions of this

How many patents are issued each year by the country, and under what branch of the government? W.W.

The commissioner of patents, who is under the direction of the secretary of the interior, reports that for the past ten years the applications for patents, including relesues, designs, trade marks, labels and prints, have averaged over 40,000 annually. For the year ording June 30, 1899, the report is:

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Please give an account, if possible, of the origin of the custom of clinking glasses in drinking health.

The only explanation we have ever heard was the following, given in the Notes and Queries of New York, published in 1859; France, after the failure of the expedition in 1715, bis supporters were beset with spies on every hand. It so happened that occasionally exhibition room will specific.

The rear of the Grand Palais forms the shorter eide of the letter H. but it is not less attractive than the more pretentious front. In its architectural design it reminds one of the Palais de l'Industrie, it having been provided design it reminds one of the Palais de l'Industrie, it having been provided design it reminds one of the Palais de l'Industrie, it having been provided design it reminds one of the Palais de l'Industrie, it having been provided design it reminds one of the Palais de l'Industrie, it having been provided design it reminds one of the Palais de l'Industrie, it having been provided design it reminds one of the Palais de l'Industrie, it having been provided design it reminds one of the Palais de l'Industrie, it having been provided design it reminds one of the Palais de l'Industrie, it having been provided design it reminds one of the Palais de l'Industrie, it having been provided design it reminds one of the Palais de l'Industrie, it having been provided design it reminds one of the Palais design it reminds one of the Palais de l'Industrie, it having been provided design it reminds one of the Palais design it reminds one of the Palais design it reminds one of the Palais de l'Industrie, it having been provided design it reminds one of the Palais design it reminds one of the and later down, the foot of one glass was touched against the rim of another."

What is meant by the expression, "Ruys dael like sadness?" H.H. The epithet refers to the characteristics of Ruyadael pictures. He was the most cele trated of the Dutch landscape painters of the seventeenth century. His favorite subjects are simple woodland scenes. He frequently paints coast acenes, and sea pieces with breaking waves and stormy skies; but is at his best in his rendering of lonely forest glades. The scientific knowledge of later painters, is sensitire and poetic in sentiment and skillful in technique. In his love of landscape for itself, in his delight in the quiet and solitude of nature, the painter is thoroughly modern in feel ing.

What nation owns the principal part of the world's shipping? No one nation owns it. Lloyd's Register of Shipping, just issued, shows that Bugiand owns 39 per cent of the entire merchant ships of the world. The United States come next, with 3010 vessels, sail and steam, and bemany opinions to the contrary notwithstand-

ing. I have either heard or read that the story of the great Powhatan and Pocchontas is only traditional, or is not quite true. If that is the case, why does the history mention it as a fact?

I.B.

The remantic story of Powhstan and Pocahentas is generally conceded to have been tased on fact. The tendency of modern writers to destroy all these bits of romance in his tory is being carried entirely too far. The even go so far now as to contend that the Pilgrim Pather's didn't land at Plymouth his father's charry tree.

Light has a velocity of 190,000,000 miles in sixteen minutes, or about 200,000 miles a sec-ond. Estimating the tick of a watch as having a duration of a second of time and the circumference of the earth as 25,000 miles, the expression you make use of is literally true

The most important general works are "
War Between the Etates," by Alexander
Stephens; "The Rise and Fall of the Cenf erate Government." by Jefferson Davie, and the "Southern History of the War," by E. A. Pollard.